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(Amended) A network management system comprising:

an event gateway which is coupled to one or more managed objects and which is configured to deliver events generated by the managed objects to one or more managers, wherein the one or more managed objects which generate the events are separate from the event gateway; and

a platform-independent interface to the event gateway, wherein the event gateway is configurable to communicate with the managers through the platform-independent interface to deliver the events generated by the managed objects;

wherein the gateway is configurable to provide the managers with subscriptions to the events as a function of event criteria specified by the managers, whereby events meeting the specified event criteria are delivered and events failing to meet the specified event criteria are filtered out.

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(Amended) A network management method comprising:

registering a subscription of a manager application to one or more events generated by one or more managed objects by specifying event criteria to an event gateway, wherein the one or more managed objects which generate the one or more events are separate from the event gateway, and wherein the event gateway is configurable to communicate with the manager application through a platform-independent interface;

generating a plurality of events including one or more events matching the specified event criteria;

determining whether the specified event criteria are met for each of the plurality of generated events; and

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delivering each event for which the specified event criteria are met.

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27. (Amended) A carrier medium comprising program instructions for network management, wherein the program instructions are computer-executable to perform:

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registering a subscription of a manager application to one or more events generated by one or more managed objects by specifying event criteria to an event gateway, wherein the one or more managed objects which generate the one or more events are separate from the event gateway, and wherein the event gateway is configurable to communicate with the manager application through a platform-independent interface;

generating a plurality of events including one or more events matching the specified event criteria;

determining whether the specified event criteria are met for each of the plurality of generated events; and

delivering each event for which the specified event criteria are met.

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